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SUBJECT: MEXICAN "SUGGESTIONS" FOR A DOCUMENT TO BE DRAWN UP BY
CONFERENCE OF TLATELOCO

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. AS DE LA COLINA NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, I SPOKE TO MANUEL TELLO ALONG LINES OUR TELECON, EMPHASIZING THAT WE DISAPPOINTED AT CONFRONTATIONAL TONE OF "SUGGESTIONS" TO BE INCLUDED IN DECLARATION. WE FORESAW SOMETHING WHICH, TO BE USEFUL, SHOULD BE COUCHED IN NOBLER, MORE ELEVATED TERMS. WITHOUT ASKING LATINS TO GIVE UP ANY OF THEIR ASPIRATIONS, DECLARATION WOULD STRESS COMMON AIMS, MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS AND PRINCIPLES. (I THOUGH IT IMPORTANT FOR US TO MENTION THAT WE DO NOT EXPECT LATINS TO "GIVE UP THEIR ASPIRATIONS" AS THIS IS A POINT MADE BY MANY OF OUR LATIN CONTACTS -- THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT NOT APPEAR THAT LATIN AMERICANS HAVE BECOME CREATURES OF U.S. AT THIS MEETING).

2. TELLO WAS UNUSUALLY CONCILITORY, EMPHASIZING THAT "SUGGESTIONS" WERE NO MORE THAN THAT, THEY WERE NOT AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED BY ANY OF THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, NOR
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IN FACT, AT HIGH LEVEL IN GOM. THEY WERE INTENDED MERELY AS A

STARTING POINT AND MEXICANS DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE THEM PUBLIC
AND HOPED THAT WE WOULD NOT DO SO.

3. REGARDING ACTUAL DRAFTING OF COMMUNIQUE, HE SAID THERE WAS A
CONSENSUS AMONG LATINS THAT THE US. WOULD PARTICIPATE AT AN EARLY
MOMENT. IN HIS MIND, THE EARLIEST PRACTICAL MOMENT MIGHT BE THE
DAY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL. IT WAS HIS RECOLLECTION
THAT THE SECRETARY HAD SUGGESTED THAT WORKING GROUP BE SET UP
AS OF THAT DATE, AS THIS WOULD PERMIT BOTH SIDES TO BE CURRENT AS
TO THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THEIR CHIEFS.

4. WE ARE SEEING QUIJANO FOR LUNCH SHORTLY AND WILL SEE OTHER
LATINS DURING COURSE OF THE DAY. WE WILL EMPHASIZE TO THEM, AS
WE DID TO THE COLOMBIANS AND OTHERS, OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT TONE OF
MEXICAN "SUGGESTIONS" AND OUR HOPE THAT WE MAY WORK OUT SOME-
THING MORE CONSTRUCTIVE.
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